

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are now present in connection with the present application.
Claims 1, 20 and 21 are the sole remaining independent claims.

Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephone interviews conducted on May 11, 2004 and May 13, 2004. In the interviews, initiated by the Examiner, claim 1 was discussed. Claim 1 was discussed and no agreement of patentability was reached. In explaining the allowability of the concept of the application, new claims were discussed. It was suggested that these new claims be added by Supplemental Amendment for consideration by the Examiner. At that time, the interviews were concluded.

Accordingly, new claims 20 and 21 are presented herein, wherein new claims 20 and 21 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

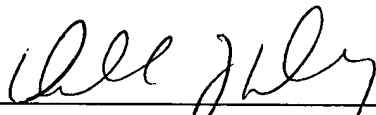
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of all outstanding objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-12 and 14-21 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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